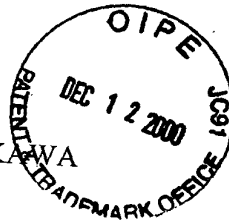


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re the Application of

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For: STAGE UNIT, DRIVE TABLE, AND SCANNING EXPOSURE APPARATUS USING
THE SAME

AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 13, 2000, the shortened statutory period for
reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 28, line 5, change "65" to --66--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11-25, 95 and 96 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant
reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications to pursue these non-elected
claims.

Please amend claims 26, 46 and 54 as follows:

26. (Amended) A stage apparatus for scanning an object [of scanning] that
includes at least one of a mask and a photosensitive substrate, said stage apparatus being

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